(d) whether the Government have decided to cancel all the existing permission and have extended the restricted area for deep sea fishing vessels from 15 miles to 50 miles on east coast and 100 miles on west coast;

(e) whether Murari Committee report has also been accepted by the Government; and

(f) if so, the time by which the concrete policy for deep sea fishing is to be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b) The Government has decided to rescind the Deep Sea Fishing Policy 191.

(c) At present 21 deep sea fishing vessels are operating in the Indian EEZ under Joint Venture scheme.

(d) The Government has decided to accept the recommendations of the Review Committee in principle for area restrictions for operation of deep sea fishing vessels, subject to legal processes. However, in regard to the recommendation on cancellation of valid permits/permissions, it has been decided that action to cancel such permits/permissions has to be taken in consultation with the Ministry of Law in individual cases, on violation of MZI Act, 1981, Rules and/or terms and conditions of such Letters of Permissions/permits.

(e) and (f) The recommendations of the Review Committee have been accepted by the Government in principle. Action has also been initiated for formulating a new deep sea fishing policy.

Asian Development Bank

894 SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of Asian Development Bank aided power projects in the country;

(b) the capacity and the cost of these power projects, State-wise and location-wise;

(c) the stage of their pendency; and

(d) the time by which these power projects are expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) There are 6 projects being aided by Asian Development Bank (ADB) as on September, 1996. Details of these projects are given in the Statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Loan No.	Name of project	Project cost (Rs in crores)	Loan amount Million US($)	Capacity	Status of projects
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tamil Nadu						
1.	798-Ind	North Madras Thermal Power Project	1697.430	150.000	2x210MW	All Units Commissioned.
2	1029-Ind	North Madras Thermal Power project		200.000	1x210MW and other	Unit Commissioned. Coal Handling system work in progress likely to be works completed by June 1998.
Andhra Pradesh						
3.	988-Ind	Rayalseema Thermal Power Plant	860.300	190.000	2x210MW	All Units Commissioned
Power Finance Corpn.						
4.	1161-Ind	Power EFF. Sector Proj.	1746.680	250.000	Not Applicable	Awards Placed Work in progress by different States.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Multiple State project (AP. Karanataka-Maharashtra. Orissa. Tamilnadu)				
NTPC						
5.	907-Ind	Unchahar-II Uttar Pradesh	1279.510	160.000	2x210MW	Award for Boiler. Turbine. Generator placed. work in progress. Ist unit to be commissioned by Jan 2000. & 2nd Unit by July 2000
Powergrid						
6.	1405-Ind	Power Transmission (Sector) project. Multiple State Project	1776.100	275.000	Not Applicable	Award placed for some projects Work in progress. balance awards in process all works to be completed By June 2000.

Traditional Fishermen

895. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for decline in the catch of the traditional fishermen in coastal areas;

(b) the impact of unbridled deep sea fishing;

(c) whether there is a fishery policy on the analogy of food policy;

(d) if so, its details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) The fish production from the marine sector in the country has increased from 25.76 lakh tonnes in 1992-93 to 27.07 lakh tonnes in 1995-96. The contribution from the deep sea sector out of this is only about 30 thousand tonnes and the remaining production is from the traditional and small-scale mechanised sector. this indicates that there is no decline in the production of fish from this sector.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) to (e). Action has been initiated to formulate a National Fisheries Policy.

Encroachment

896. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "SC's warning on encroachment" appearing in the Tribune dated October 31, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Land being a State subject, the encroachment of land has to be dealt with by the concerned State or local Government or other land-owning agency in accordance with the policy laid down by Govt. for handling such situations on location specific basis. However, Supreme Court's directions/ observations will have to be kept in view by the State Government while formulating such policy.

Foreign Assistance for NCES

897. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sought